GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1288
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
NON FORMAL EDUCATION CENTRE
RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that certain State Governments including Orissa, Rajasthan and UPkept Rs. 79.22 crore out of the Central funds of Rs. 121.21 crore in PD accounts;

(b) if so, whether the Bihar Government diverted Rs. 41.99crore for other purposes consequent to which 1.36 lakh non-formal education centres could not be opened depriving 34 lakh children of the benefits of the scheme during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 as has been pointed out by the C&AG in its report No.3 of 2002 on page 96;

(c) if so, whether the Government have enquired into the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in the matter particularly with regard to Bihar and Gujarat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (e) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India's Report No.3 of 2002 (Civil), which was laid before Parliament on 19.3.2002, has highlighted certain apparent irregularities in the utilisation of funds released to the States for Non-formal Education. The observations of the C&AG have already been circulated to the States.

The scheme of N.F.E. has been discontinued from 1.4.2001. The States have been requested to refund the unspent balances, under N.F.E. Programme, reported by them as on 1.4.2001 to the Govt. of India.